

DX TIPS FOR BIG GUNS AND LITTLE PISTOLS

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SVIIW, shown operating the CW station at Mount Athos. This late summer expedition provided many of us with a new one.

CEØX SAN FELIX....

From Radio Club de Chile, Patricio, CE3GN, in a letter to K5OA, dated 12Nov: "Regarding CEØX, we do not have good news, at least for this year. Although we have the best of connections with the government and Navy, the island is completely banned to civilians for the time being, and we have found out that unfortunately a DX pedition this year is out of the question.

We have been reassured that as soon as a possibility opens up next year, we will have complete co-operation, so we must hope for best."

TZ MALI....

TZ4AQS now working a list on 14.210 almost daily. At present time, word we have indicates DXCC desk hasn't received anything official on this operation. Maybe we will hear something soon on this.

VE3HRS/TZ has provided authorization papers for his operation, so this one is good if you have the card.

TZ (continued)

W4MGN is reported to be leaving 4Dec for the Gambia, to meet C5ABK. From there, the two of them plan to drive to Mali, where they plan to operate from TZ6.

A51 BHUTAN

A51PN requests that no U.S. dollars be put in mail sent to him. All such mail is opened, and is not forwarded to him. He wishes to have only IRC's or U.S. checks for postage, and says registered mail is best.

S2 BANGLADESH....

S2BTF is still trying to get his beam, rotor and mast out of customs. Peter is very active, appearing on 14.265mc @ 1100Z, 14.225mc @ 1500Z, 21.345mc @ 0100Z, and 28.625m @ 0200Z most days. Signal strengths to the U.S. have been better on 10 and 15 meters. QSL via W5RU.

TL8 CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE....

TL8JM is due back in Bangui in February. His Yaesu has been repaired, and he will resume activity. QSL via W5RU.

Another new, fulltime TL8 is expected in January. He is a State Department employee. We will have more information later.

BY CHINA...

Is it possible? We don't know, but, here is the story as we know it so far.

It seems that Chuck, ZL1ADI told our source that he had a telex waiting for him on his return from the ZK1MB. It was from the Chinese government, requesting that he and Ron, ZL1AMO, come to China to put on an amateur radio operation. Apparently, while JA6HOZ was visiting, officials overheard their operation, and got the feeling that if Chuck and Ron could come over and clean out much of the need for BY, their own operators could go on the air with less hassle. Our source obtained this information direct from ZL1ADI by telephone, and said Chuck indicated to him that if such operation did come about, there would be no advance notice, in an effort to keep jamming to a minimum when they first went on the air.

At this point in time, it is difficult to predict whether or not such an operation would come off. We hope to do some further checking on this, and will keep you informed as to our progress.

J5 GUINEA - BISSAU

Angelo, D4CBS started operations from J5 on 29Nov. He is expected to be there about a week. Operation is on all bands, QSL to D4CBS.

C2 NAURU

P29JS, Jim Smith, is now active on C21AA. He is there for about two weeks. QSL to P29JS.

VP2A ANTIGUA...

AA7A and N7CW operated from VP2A from 30Nov to 3Dec. They were active on all bands, with weak signal the first night on 80m, improved the following night by installation of the Minnoka special. QSL to each operator's home call.

ZS2 MARION ISLAND

ZS2MI works CW on the 25th of each month only, on 14.240 Mhz. Johan will be leaving the island soon, and it is not known if the operator replacing him will be a ham. QSL via WA2IZN.

HS THAILAND....

Dr. George Collins, VE3FXT, is now in Thailand, operating as HS4AMA. He is with the Geology Dept. of Khon Kean University. George is helping with the radio club at the University, and says to expect much more activity from HS in the future.

He is monitoring 28.550 Mhz almost all of the time, and has been working the W7PHO Family Hour Net on 14.225Mhg on a regular basis.

Although George has some other plans for the area, he had rather not discuss them on the air. He will be visiting Burma on 13Dec.

QSL to: Dr. George Collins, Geology Dept., Khon Kean University, Khon Kean, Thailand.

FB8W CROZET ISLAND

F5VU and F6CKH report possibility of operation from Crozet after the first of the year. Apparently the operating crew will be changed at that time. We will keep you posted as information is received.

FB8X KERGUELEN ISLAND....

The FB8XV station lost its 3-500Z tubes recently, accounting for their loss in signal strenth. The Oregon DX Association has sent a new pair of 3-500Z tubes, so signal should be back to normal by the first of the year.

YA AFCHANISTAN....

YAIH was worked during the CQ WW CW contest. Those who worked him said the sound and direction was right, however, it's been a long time since anyone's heard a YA on from here. Can anyone confirm such an operation? Is it only Afghanistan Slim? Who knows, but for now, WFWL.

9N1MM

W3KVQ, QSL manager for Father Moran for the past 20 years, is still having trouble getting mail at his correct address. His new call is N7EB, and correct mailing address is: Edward Blaszczyk N7EB

12802 Sun Valley Dr. Sun City, Az. 85351

Meanwhile, Father Moran himself was recently heard from 9V101, where he stopped over from the Sea-Net Convention.

VK9 - COCOS KEELING....

P29CD/ZK1CD is expected on Cocos Keeling about the third week in December.

International DX Foundation announces an address change. New address is IDXF, Box 117, Manahawkin, N.J. 08050. IDXF was established by a grant from KP2A in late 1978. Donations of cash or equipment are tax deductible. Operations that have been helped are Desecheo, Spratly, Brunei, and others.

TT8 CHAD

N4HX/TT8, Jim Bullington, still very active from the Embassy. He's been heard around 28.530Mhz, listening up 5 almost every day this week, around 1230Z. He has been planning to work the 10m contest this weekend, however, he has said that he will not do so if ARRL refuses to recognize his operation. Reportedly there was to have been a phone call placed on Wednesday to clarify his status, but results were known at press time.

Also, ON5NT, manager for N4HX/TT8, says his callbook address is ok, but he (and his postman) prefer his P.O. Box instead, so please send QSLs to: Ghislain Penny, Box 5, Aalter, Belgium.

8Q7 MALDIVES....

SM3RL has been issued the call 8Q7AM. He is expected to arrive on 17Dec, to be there at least the rest of the year.

SHORT ITEMS

ZL1BOQ has been heard recently operating from Chatham. He was on 21.252 Mhz, 27Nov, at 0755Z JTØDJT is on 28.520 Mhz at 0000Z each Wed. 9K2FW has been operating on 28.570 on a Mon.-Wed.-Fri. basis, 1300Z HV3SJ has been active recently around 1500Z, 28.595Mhz W2TDQ now sending out QSLs for the Crete operation FOØRS now a full-time resident of Tahiti, shows often on the Family Hour W4SMF and YS9RVE have been invited on the Kingman-Palmyra expedition. Bob says they plan to go Look for another KH9 operation soon, more later J6 is the next stop for the Colvins.

Some of you may need those hard to find brushes for prop pitch rotators. If so, send S.A.S.E. to Ken Johnson, 1201 Birchbrook, Grand Prairie, Tx. 75051. He can give you pricing.

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| 3796 | 30Nov | 0355Z | W5 | |
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| 3794 | 30Nov | 0407Z | W5 | |
| 3794 | 30Nov | 0417Z | W5 | |
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| 7006 | 2Dec | 0533 | W5 | |
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| 3C1AC | 14024 | 5Dec | 0148Z | W5 |
| FY7YE | 14040 | 10Nov | 1046Z | W5 |
| UM8MBA | 14032 | 1Dec | 0251Z | W5 |
| FPØMD | 14007 | 1Dec | 0215Z | W5 |
| FR7BX | 14008 | 3Dec | 0115Z | W5 |
| ZE2JS | 14065 | 27Nov | 0400Z | W5 |
| UG6GAG | 14045 | 27Nov | 0549Z | W5 |
| CZ1AA | 14031 | 28Nov | 0450Z | W5 |
| VP2KS | 14029 | 1Dec | 0126Z | W5 |
| UI8ADQ | 14035 | 28Nov | 0458Z | W5 |
| GU4CHY | 14029 | 1Dec | 0127Z | W5 |
| HC8EE | 14025 | 30Nov | 0227Z | W5 |
| UI8FAI | 14007 | 1Dec | 0255Z | W5 |
| KH6JLC/DU2 | 14203 | 30Nov | 1550Z | W5 |
| VP8VN(S.GA.) | 14228 | 21Nov | 0508Z | W5 |
| D68AO/MM | 14225 | 3Dec | 0500Z | W5 |
| S8AYL | 14SSB | 30Nov | 0129Z | W5 |
| UM8FZ | 14SSB | 27Nov | 0145Z | W5 |
| AP2AL | 14SSB | 28Nov | 0430Z | W5 |
| ЕА6НН | 14SSB | 28Nov | 0500Z | W5 |
| 6W8IE | 14SSB | 28Nov | 0520Z | W5 |
| 5Z4YV | 14SSB | 29Nov | 2230Z | W5 |
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| A22BX | 28500 | 17Nov | 1458Z | W5 |
| 3D6BP | 28SSB | 4Dec | 1314Z | W5 |
| HV3SJ | 28530 | 1Dec | 1600Z | W5 |
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QSL ROUTE

VP2KC N4RI VP2KAC N4RI VP5MX WB50PM C21AP F9AP C21AA P291S K9EF/HI8 K1RH S8AYL K9TXA DL1HH C315] W5RU VQ9II FOØRS

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Thanks to: W5RBO, N5BET, K5RW, K5NW, N200, K5OA, ADXA, W2LZX, YS9RVE, K7HCD, WA3HUP, K5OVC, K5OUK, W5IO, W5SP.

COMMENTS

One of my favorite pastimes over the past few years (other than working DX) has been reading the various bulletins and DX columns in the magazines. Each one seems to do things differently, while still having much in common. One of these things is an occasional rumor of an upcoming operation, one which the reader hopes for, and yet knows can never be done (or so he thinks).

I am reminded of the Clipperton operation of a few years ago when I think of that kind of rumor. Rumors, of course, had been in abundance for years, with this group or that group reporting imminent operation. During this period of time, a group of DXers, myself included, gathered in the back room at AGL, and discussed transportation, equipment, and accomodations on the island, with all possibilities explored and resolved. Our only problems were, of course, permission and money. You can imagine our shock two weeks later when we noticed a brief note on the back page of Ham Radio Report stating that a group of Texas agrateurs was planning a Clipperton expedition.

Of course, we all got a good laugh out of that, as I'm sure we all will in the future. But the fact remains that rumors are abundant, and some do occasionally prove to be true. We hear them, and so do you. Should we print them? We stand somewhat divided on that, however, we also feel that if the rumor comes from the horse's mouth, then perhaps it's best to report what we hear to the best of our knowledge, then follow up as best we can to provide you the best information that we can.

With that in mind, this week we have presented the China story. Our source reported to us that he had talked to Chuck on the telephone, and Chuck had verified it. Many others believe it impossible. Rather than say yay or nay, we choose simply to present the story, and try to follow up as much as possible to determine its validity.

Other rumors of this nature will surface from time to time, and our policy of reporting will be consistent. Our policy is, quite simply, if it can be traced back to the source, it will be mentioned, and we will follow it up. If it can't be traced to the source, we'll try to follow up, but won't print until we know.

We can always use information and pictures. If you have anything we can use, please feel free to let us know.

73,

K5FUV



Nancy, 6W8IE, at home in Dakar, Senegal. Look for her on 20SSB.

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